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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 16-17, and 31-32, under 35 USC § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Aldous (U.S. Patent No. 5,650,669) in view of Oh (U.S. Pub. 2002/0065618); and claims 21 and 36 under 35 USC § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Aldous (U.S. Patent No. 5,650,669) in view of Oh (U.S. Pub. 2002/0065618) and further in view of Pascucci (U.S. Patent No. 5,768,115). In addition, claims 1 and 16 were objected to based on informalities.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowability and favorable treatment of claims 1-6, 18-20, 22, 33-35 and 37. Claims 1-6, 16-19, 21-22, 31-36 are currently pending in this application. Claims 8-15 and 23-30 have been withdrawn. Claims 7, 20 and 37 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 16 and 31 have been amended. The rejections above have been traversed and, as such, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the allowability of claims 16-17, 21, 31-32 and 36.

2. As discussed above, claims 1 and 16 were objected to based on informalities. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for suggesting changes to overcome these formalities. These changes have been made and the Applicant respectfully requests that these objections be withdrawn.

3. Claim 16 was rejected based on the combination of Aldous and Oh. Claim 16 has been amended to delete the material added in the prior amendment and to include the subject matter of allowable claim 20. Since Examiner did not place patentable weight on the deleted material, Applicant believes that the addition of claim 20 places claim 16 in a condition for allowance. For this reason, Applicant believes that claim 16 and claims 17-19 and 21-22 that depend therefrom, are patentably distinct from the prior art.

4. Claim 31 was rejected based on the combination of Aldous and Oh. Claim 31 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 37. For this reason, Applicant believes that claim 31 and claims 32-36 that depend therefrom, are patentably distinct from the prior art.

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For the foregoing reasons, the applicant believes that claims Claims 1-6, 16-19, 21-22, 31-36 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be passed to allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone or facsimile if the Examiner believes that such a communication would advance the prosecution of the present invention.

No additional fees are due. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that are required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2126.

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